

TWELP™ 1200 bps Vocoder



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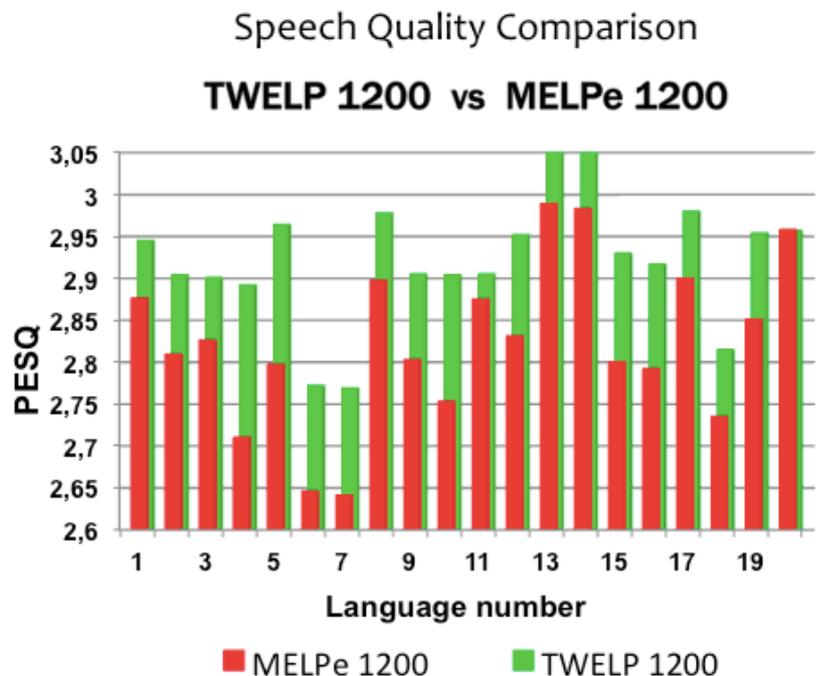
January 14, 2014 - DSP Innovations Inc. (DSPINI) announces proprietary 1200 bps vocoder, based on the newest speech coding technology TWELP™, for HF Radio, DMR/dPMR and other markets.

TWELP™ technology features. The vocoder is based on newest technology of speech coding called "Tri-Wave Excited Linear Prediction"™ (TWELP) that was developed by experts of DSPINI. The technology provides the best speech quality among competitors today. Please visit: <http://twelp.pro> for details.

Superiority in speech quality. Here is the comparison with MELPe vocoder. TWELP 1200 bps vocoder and MELPe 1200 bps vocoder were tested, using ITU-T P.50 speech base for 20 different languages. ITU-T P.862 utility was used for estimation of the speech quality in PESQ terms:

Data for the chart: speech quality (in PESQ)

	MELPe	TWELP
1 American	2,876	2,945
2 Arabic	2,809	2,904
3 British	2,826	2,901
4 Chinese	2,71	2,892
5 Danish	2,797	2,964
6 Dutch	2,646	2,772
7 Finnish	2,641	2,769
8 French	2,897	2,978
9 German	2,803	2,905
10 Greek	2,753	2,904
11 Hindi	2,875	2,905
12 Hungarian	2,831	2,952
13 Italian	2,989	3,088
14 Japanese	2,983	3,093
15 Norwegian	2,8	2,93
16 Polish	2,792	2,917
17 Portuguese	2,9	2,98
18 Russian	2,735	2,815
19 Spanish	2,851	2,954
20 Swedish	2,958	2,957
Average:	2,8236	2,92625
TWELP advantage over MELPe:		+0,10265



A diagram demonstrates significant superiority of TWELP over MELPe in speech quality.

A few independent experts tested by listening TWELP 1200 vocoder in comparison with MELPe 1200 vocoder, using method of preferences. Absolute majority of experts preferred TWELP to MELPe, having noted much more natural human-sounding of voice in the TWELP vocoder.

Superiority in quality of the non-speech signals. In contrast to other LBR vocoders (MELPe, AMBE+2, etc.), TWELP vocoders provide high quality of non-speech signals, including police, ambulance, fire sirens, etc. This feature in conjunction with high quality natural human-sounding of voice makes TWELP vocoders well suitable for replacement of analog radio by digital radio and also for other applications where high quality transmitting of non-speech signals is relevant along with high quality transmitting of speech signals.

High robustness to acoustic noise. In contrast to other LBR vocoders, TWELP vocoders are well robust to acoustic noise thanks to robust reliable method of pitch estimation and other features of TWELP technology.

High Robustness to the channel errors. "Robust" versions of the TWELP vocoders include FEC that are integrated with vocoder on base of "joint source-channel coding" approach that provides high speech quality simultaneously in noisy channel as well as in noiseless channel. FEC can operate with "soft decisions" as well

as with "hard decisions" from a modem. Mode of "soft decisions" provides much better robustness in comparison with mode of "hard decisions".

Additional functionalities. The following additional functionalities are developed by DSPINI and integrated into TWELP vocoders:

- Automatic Gain Control (AGC),
- Noise Cancellation for Speech Enhancement (NCSE)
- Voice Activity Detector (VAD),
- Tone Detection/Generation (Single tones and Dual tones). The tones are transmitted through vocoder.

Technical characteristics and resource requirements:

Technical characteristics

Bit Rate (bps)	Algorithm	Frame size (ms)	Algorithmic delay (including frame size) (ms)	Sampling rate (kHz)	Signal format	Bit stream format
1200	TWELP	40	60	8	Linear 16-bit PCM	48

Additional functionalities

Name	Functionality	Technical characteristics	
		Name	Value
AGC	Automatic Gain Control	Control range:	0 ... +20 dB
NCSE	Noise Canceller - Speech Enhancer	SNR increasing	> 6 dB
		Speech quality improvement	> 0.1 PESQ
Tone Detector	Single/Dual tones detection	In accordance with international standards	
Tone Generator	Single/Dual tones generation	Special generator, kept continuity of signal (phase and amplitude of signal of previous frame)	
VAD	Voice Activity Detection	Reliable detection speech in background noise	
CNG	Comfort Noise Generation	Type of noise	"white"
		Level	- 60 dB

Resources for TI's C64 DSP platform

Module	MIPS* peak	Memory (KBytes)			
		Program	Data		
			Constants	Channel	Heap
Voice Encoder	35.4				
NCSE	3.7				

AGC	0.1	338	155	11.8	8.0	1.0
Voice Decoder	5.5					
Voice Encoder + Voice Decoder	40.9					
Total	44.7					

Resources (estimated) for TI's C55 DSP platform

Module	MIPS* peak	Memory (KBytes)				
		Program	Data			
			Constants	Channel	Heap	Stack
Voice Encoder	50	21	155	11.8	8.0	1.0
NCSE	6.9					
AGC	0.2					
Voice Decoder	10.0					
Voice Encoder + Voice Decoder	60					
Total	67.1					

* DSPINI continues optimization of the TWELP algorithm and code in order to minimize computational complexity of the vocoder.

Guarantee and support. DSPINI guarantees a quality and accordance of all technical characteristics of the product to requirement of current specifications. Testing and other method of quality control are used for guarantee support.

Any platform. DSPINI can port this vocoder software into any other DSP, RISC or general- purposes platform inshort time: 2-3 months.

Licensing terms. To use the vocoder, customer should obtain a license from DSPINI only.

Low price is another advantage of this vocoder. Please contact us to check it out.

Prospects. DSPINI are developing a set of new vocoders with range from 600 bps up to 9600 bps, based on TWELP technology. Please visit the <http://twelp.pro> web-site to get more information.

Related software. This vocoder may be effectively used in a bundle with other DSPINI's products:

- Linear and acoustic echo cancellers,
- Multichannel noise cancellers (including two-microphone adaptive array),
- Wired or radiomodems for any types of channels and bitrates,
- Other products.

More DSPINI's products on <http://www.dspini.com>

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